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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please examine this application after entry of the following amendments. This Preliminary Amendment is submitted before the receipt of a first action in this application. No fee is believed to be due. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 13-2755 for any amount necessary for the entry of this amendment.

PLEASE AMEND THE APPLICATION AS FOLLOWS:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert the following as the first sentence of the application:

-- This application is entitled to the benefits of GB Ser. No. 9827016.8, filed December 08, 1998.—

EXPRESS MAIL CERTIFICATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS EXPRESS MAIL "POST OFFICE TO ADDRESSEE" BEFORE 5 P.M. ON THE ABOVE DATE IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS WASHINGTON, DC 20231.